



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter Analysis 2004-2005



Fourth quarter 2005 total employment averaged 483,473, a decrease of 384 (-0.1%) jobs over the 2004 fourth quarter average of 483,857. The private sector added 216 jobs during this period, while the public sector lost 600 positions. State and local government lost 752 and 57 jobs, respectively, while the federal government added 209 jobs. Overall, thirteen of the twenty industry sectors reported job gains.

The Health Care & Social Assistance sector led all sectors in employment growth in the fourth quarter of 2005 when compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, adding 1,169 (+1.6%) positions. Employment in the Ambulatory Health Care Services sub-sector increased by 629 (+3.0%), followed by the Hospitals sub-sector, which grew by 409 (+1.8%) jobs. The Professional & Technical Services (+812) sector reported the second largest employment increase during this period, followed by Management of Companies & Enterprises (+591), Construction (+515) and Finance & Insurance (+496).

The Manufacturing sector lost 4.2 percent of its workforce in the fourth quarter of 2005 when compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, reporting a decline of 2,423 jobs. Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (-383) and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-362) experienced the largest declines within this sector. Job losses were also reported in the Administrative & Waste Services (-763), Government (-600), Retail Trade (-592) and Other Services (-311) sectors.

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance employed over 73,000 workers, the largest private employment sector in the fourth quarter of 2005. Manufacturing (54,713) represents the second largest employment sector, followed by Retail Trade (54,116), Accommodation & Food Services (41,988) and Finance & Insurance (26,141).

Over \$4.1 billion in private sector wages were paid in the fourth quarter of 2005, and increase of \$83 million (+2.1%) from the wages paid in the fourth quarter of 2004. Private sector workers earned a weekly wage of \$754 during the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of 2.0 percent over the \$739 earned during the same period of 2004.

In the fourth quarter of 2005, the highest wages were paid to workers employed in the Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,319), Utilities (\$1,277) and Information (\$1,236) sectors. The lowest weekly wage was earned by workers in the Accommodation & Food Services (\$291), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (\$439) and Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (\$478) sectors. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

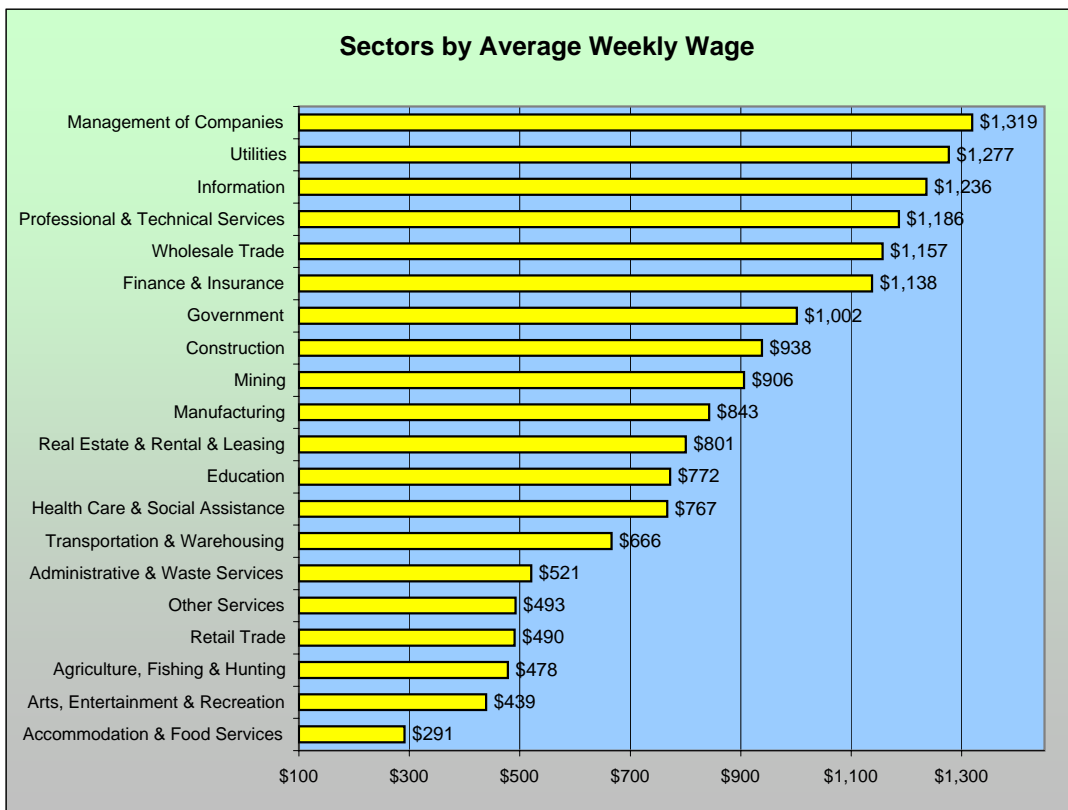
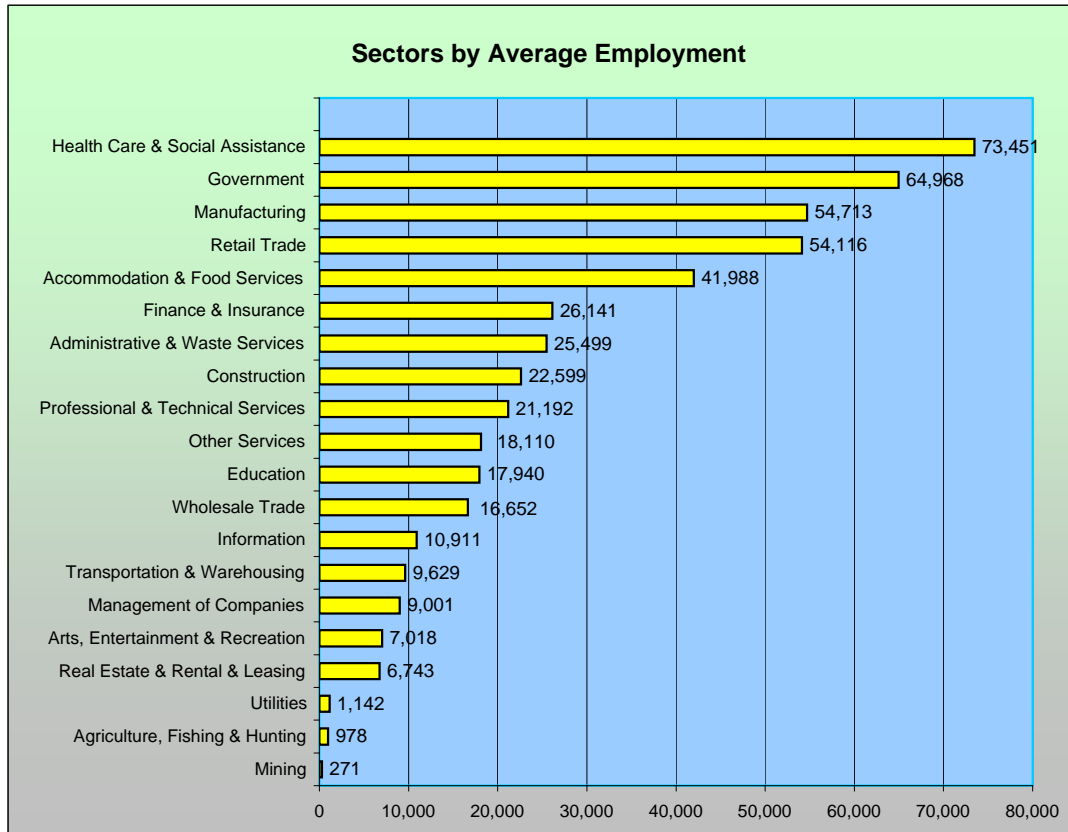
The Information sector experienced the largest weekly wage increase in the private sector, up \$111 in the fourth quarter of 2005 from the \$1,125 earned in the fourth quarter of 2004. Management of Companies & Enterprises (+\$55) and Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (+\$52) also reported a sizable weekly wage increase.

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	No. of Units	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average Employment	Total Wages	Taxable Wages	Contributions
Total	35,663	482,867	484,077	483,474	483,473	4,947,807,265	646,510,396	21,595,245
Private	34,986	418,503	418,838	418,172	418,504	4,101,859,114	645,209,250	21,553,648
State	106	16,782	16,798	16,947	16,842	230,864,266	0	0
Local	423	37,573	38,392	38,224	38,063	444,893,168	1,299,960	41,573
Federal	148	10,009	10,049	10,131	10,063	170,190,717	0	0
Total Government	677	64,364	65,239	65,302	64,968	845,948,151	1,301,146	41,597
Total UI Covered	35,515	472,858	474,028	473,343	473,410	4,777,616,548	646,510,396	21,595,245

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